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Globes

▶ Actor George Clooney, with girlfriend Stacy Keibler, poses backstage holding the award for best actor in a motion-picture drama for The Descendants during the 69th annual Golden Globe Awards on Sunday in Los Angeles. More coverage, page 17.

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Clooney nabs top nod on awards night

Diver believed to be dead

A man in his 60s disappears near West Vancouver on the weekend ◐ Multiple searches have found no trace of him

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An experienced scuba diver is presumed drowned after disappearing during a dive in West Vancouver.

The man, a Vancouverite in his 60s, was out with a friend in the waters off Whytecliff Park Saturday but failed to surface.

The colleague called for help and an extensive but ultimately unsuccessful search of the area was conducted by the coast guard and police.

West Vancouver police spokesperson Sgt. Paul Skelton said additional searches were conducted by officers, the coast guard and even the diver's friends on Sunday, but no trace of the man could be found.

"Unfortunately, given the amount of time, he is presumed drowned, though he's listed as missing," said Skelton. "It's difficult to say whether he had a medical emergency or an equipment failure. All we know is that he didn't surface."

Skelton said the man had up to 20 years of scuba-diving experience.

His name has not been released.

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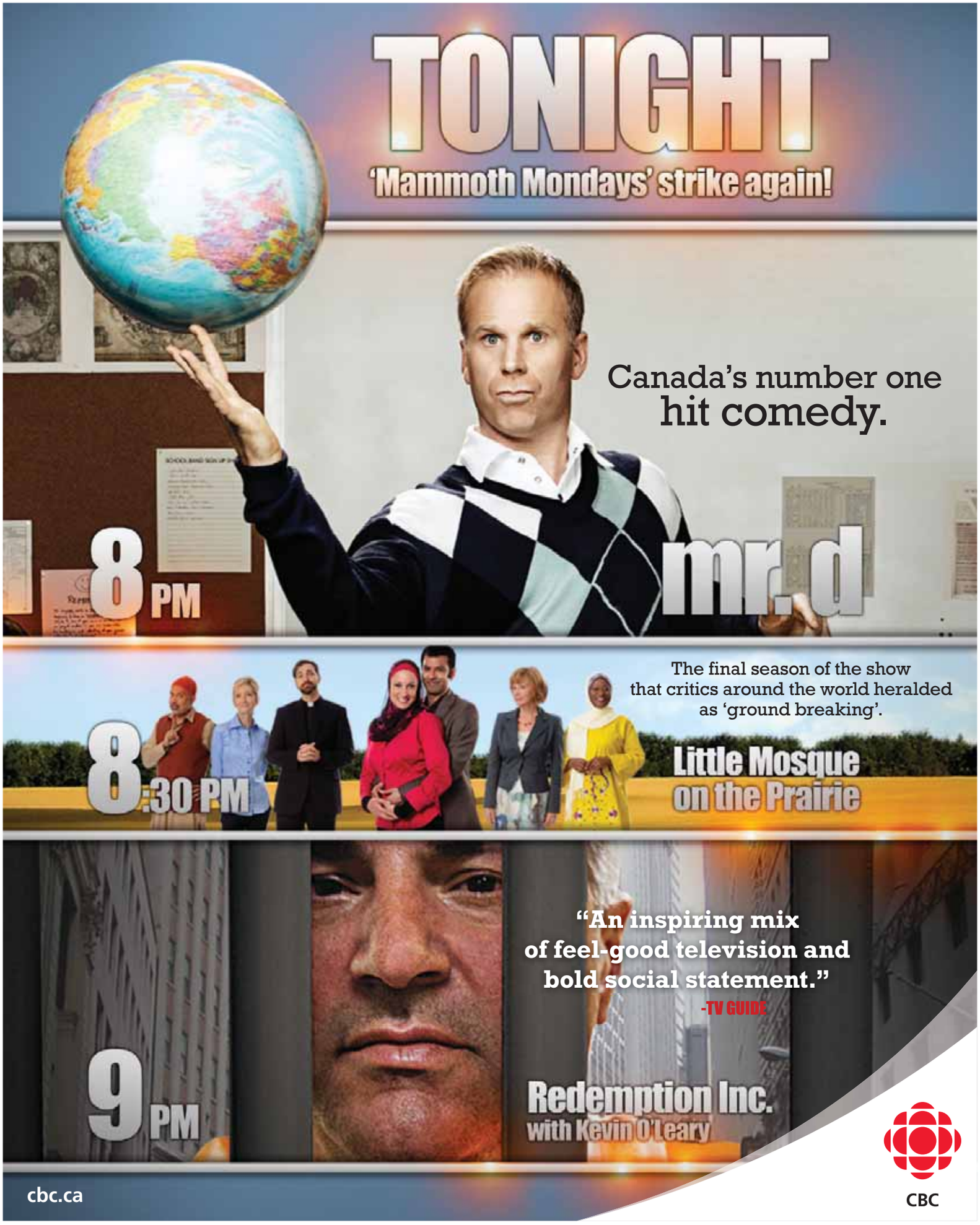
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▶ Gene Simmons and Shannon Tweed-Simmons cheer on their daughter, Sophie, in Surrey on Sunday as she cuts the ribbon to open Sophie's Place, Metro Vancouver's first child-protection centre.

Rock royalty 'out on a limb' for kids

Daughter of Kiss frontman Gene Simmons opens child protection centre — Sophie's Place
Centre will be a fully staffed safe haven for abused children 12 years of age and younger

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS
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Metro Vancouver's first dedicated child-protection centre was unveiled Sunday with help from a rock- royalty family.

Sophie's Place, which opens next month, will have doctors, police and counsellors under one roof to provide abused children aged 12 and under a safe and kid-friendly environment to share their stories.

The facility, located within The Centre for Child Development building in Surrey, is named after its patron, Sophie Tweed-Simmons, 19, daughter of Kiss frontman Gene Simmons.

"It's really important to me for kids to have a place where adults can take them seriously and where they can express what's happened to them in a safe environment," she said.

Sophie became involved in the project following a meeting with Mayor Dianne Watts, and also aided with the construction of the centre.

"She has the kind of empathy we wish we had.... All of us can take a good lesson from our kids. We're certainly learning a lot from ours. "
GENE SIMMONS, ROCK LEGEND

Her parents, Gene and Shannon, said they couldn't be any prouder.

"For her to imagine abuse — it's unusual for a privileged child to fathom it, and I'm glad that she can," Shannon said, adding Sophie has been to Vietnam, Bulgaria and Uruguay for charity work all before she got out of high school.

"There are the spoiled ones who have their little world and never step out of it. I'm glad we raised her so that she is able to have empathy and envision helping others."

Gene said he's learned a thing or two from his daughter.

"(She has) the kind of empathy we wish we had," he said. "She doesn't have to do any of this (but) she goes way out on a limb and puts her name in front of something that's really important.

"All of us can take a good lesson from our kids, we're certainly learning a lot from ours."

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▶ Gitxsan First Nation Hereditary Chief Elmer Derrick outside the front door of his home in Terrace.

Lone B.C. chief backs pipeline

‘I think national energy security is important to this country’: Gitxsan Hereditary Chief Sees Enbridge agreement as an employment opportunity

His office door is nailed shut. A 24-hour volunteer watch by area residents has been on guard for his return since Dec. 5.

Posters of his face, questioning his authority are up across Northwest B.C.

It’s little wonder that Gitxsan Hereditary Chief Elmer Derrick prefers the darkness of his front door to talk.

“I’ve been very ill,” he said, refusing requests to illuminate the doorway.

Derrick has adopted a low profile — some say he’s been in hiding — since reports surfaced about the $7-million deal he signed with Enbridge Inc., builders of the proposed $5.5-billion Northern Gateway oil pipeline, on behalf of the Gitxsan people.

“I know we still have a deal with Enbridge,” he said in a rare interview since his support was announced. “The chiefs have not told me otherwise.”

Derrick shrugs off observations that, so far, he’s the only aboriginal in British Columbia to publicly voice support for the Northern Gateway project and sign a deal in exchange for an equity stake.

The twin pipeline from Alberta to northwest B.C., will allow Alberta oil to be loaded onto tankers and shipped down the West Coast to Asian and American markets.

“From what I can find out, I believe that I think an offer was made to at least 40 different nations in Alberta and B.C. And, from what I’ve been told, at least 25 nations have signed the agreement,” Derrick said.

“We need to find different ways to bring employment opportunities to our communities.”

Derrick said aboriginal rights and titles issues must be resolved as part of any pipeline development, but the agreement he signed with Enbridge represents an economic opportunity for his people.

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Another arson linked to Justice Institute

For the second time in a week, there’s been an arson fire in Metro Vancouver that police are linking to an investigation involving the Justice Institute of B.C. and a former ICBC employee.

RCMP Sgt. Peter Thiessen says the latest fire occurred at a home in West Vancouver this morning, but no one was hurt and the damage was limited to the front of the house.

Last Saturday, there was an arson fire at a home in Surrey that was also the target of an earlier fire and shooting last year.

Thiessen says the incidents are connected to a series of arsons and shootings against the homes and vehicles of people linked to the Justice Institute, and the victims’ personal information was once accessed by an ICBC employee who has since been fired.

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Tobogganing.

▶ A man pulls a young boy in a toboggan at Queen Elizabeth Park in Vancouver Sunday.

JENNIFER KWOK/METRO

Expect more snow this week

About 15 people took advantage of the weekend's snowfall sliding down the slopes of Queen Elizabeth Park Sunday afternoon. Periods of snow are expected to continue in the Lower Mainland through Friday.

Emergency shelters set for cold weather

- **Low temperatures raised emergency-response alert**
- **200 additional shelter spaces available during cold snap**

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The cold weather could be trouble for some of Vancouver's least fortunate.

Vancouver has activated its extreme-weather-response program this week as temperatures have hit the sub-zero mark.

That means churches and community organizations have opened up to 200 shelter spaces at nine sites scattered across the city for people desperate to get off the street and sleep in a dry, warm environment.

The spaces are more mats on the floor, as opposed to beds, but at least they're inside, said Vancouver extreme-weather-response co-ordinator Irene Jaakson.

"This is the Band-Aid of all Band-Aid solutions," she said. "But it's necessary. It's literally life or death in some cases. People could die if they don't come in."

Jaakson activated the cold weather alert on Friday, and it has remained in place since.

She believes the alert could carry on into the week, as more snow and cold temperatures are expected.

Environment Canada forecasts that Monday's low will be -5 C.

Jaakson did not have numbers available to say how full the shelters were over the weekend but she confirmed no one was turned away and that two backup sites have yet to be called in action.

"Hopefully that means everyone can find a space," she said.

Shelters are also accepting donations of items such as socks, underwear, gloves and scarves.

Jaakson recommends donors get in touch directly with their neighbourhood shelters (which can be found online at gvss.ca) to see what they need.

Meanwhile, the City of Vancouver is reminding residents they're obligated to clear their sidewalk and driveways of snow by 10 a.m. each morning.

Residents can call 311 to volunteer as a community "snow angel" or to request help from a volunteer.

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▶ A Toyota Corrolla, after flipping on Highway 1.

Speed a factor in fatal car accident, police say

RCMP say speed is believed to be a factor in the death of a 53-year-old man on Highway 1 near Spuzzum.

Sgt. Peter Thiessen says the man was driving west on the highway toward a right-hand curve when his vehicle ended up in a ditch and flipped over several times.

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Abbotsford homicide victim ID'd

A man killed early Saturday morning has been identified, investigators said Sunday.

Ryan Saint-Ange, 21, was found at his home in the 27700 block of 56th Avenue. The cause of his death has not been released.

Saint-Ange was found dead by a friend just after midnight Saturday morning.

The case is currently under investigation, and an autopsy has been scheduled for later this week. ● JENNIFER KWOK

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▶ Ryan Saint-Ange

CONFERENCE

Norovirus suspected at event

Several dozen young adults fell ill with suspected norovirus at a student journalism conference in Victoria, the local health authority said Sunday.

About 360 students were attending a Canadian University Press conference at a Victoria hotel when 30 to 40 of them fell ill Saturday night, said Suzanne Germain of the Victoria Island Health Authority.

Germain said a few students experienced vomiting and diarrhea early Saturday evening, and more became sick as the night wore on. About a half-dozen were taken to hospital but were quickly released after they were hydrated.

Norovirus is transmitted through vomit and fecal matter, often when an infected person hasn't washed their hands after using the washroom, and symptoms include severe diarrhea and vomiting.

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Five deaths in province linked to ecstasy

More ecstasy-related deaths in B.C. are being linked to a deadly chemical that was mixed into the party drug.

Chief Coroner Lisa Lapointe says toxicology reviews have found the chemical PMMA was present in the bodies of five people who died in B.C. since last August — three men and two women ranging in age from 14 to 37.

The reviews came after Alberta officials said the chemical was linked to five recent deaths in that city.

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Clark wants B.C to have bigger role in health care

Premier Christy Clark says the federal government's new health-care funding formula gives the provinces a chance to grab more responsibility for health.

She says premiers have been saying for 30 years they didn't want the federal government to boss them around on health because the provinces have a constitutional responsibility for the issue.

She says with Ottawa backing away from full responsibility for health care, it's up to the provinces to fill the gap.

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Italy cruise ship death toll rises to 5 after divers find two more bodies

At least 15 people unaccounted for after luxury liner runs aground
Captain arrested after accident

Maritime authorities, passengers and mounting evidence pointed Sunday toward the captain of a cruise liner that ran aground and capsized off the Tuscan coast, amid accusations that he abandoned ship before everyone was safely evacuated and was showing off when he steered the vessel far too close to shore.

Divers searching the murky depths of the partially submerged Costa Concordia found the bodies of two elderly men still in their life jackets, bringing the confirmed death toll to five. At least 15 people were still missing.

The recovered bodies were discovered at an emergency gathering point near the restaurant where many of the 4,200 on board were dining when the luxury liner struck rocks or a reef off the tiny island of Giglio.

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Sinking ship

- **Authorities are holding** Francesco Schettino, the ship's Italian captain, for investigation of suspected manslaughter and abandoning his ship, among other possible charges.
- **According to the Italian navigation code**, a captain who abandons a ship in danger can face up to 12 years in prison.
- **A coast guard official on** Sunday said officers exhorted Schettino to return to his ship as panicked passengers desperately fled the cruise liner.

GREGORIO BORGIA/AP PHOTO

▶ An Italian firefighter helicopter lifts up a passenger from the luxury cruise ship Costa Concordia, which ran aground off the tiny Tuscan island of Giglio, Italy, Sunday.

Liberals stand by Queen, call for legalized marijuana

God save the Queen and pass the joint.

Federal Liberals have shot down a proposal calling for Canadians to consider cutting this country's ties to the monarchy. But they've thrown overwhelming support behind another calling, for the legalization and regulation of marijuana.

The proposals on the monarchy and marijuana were among a handful of controversial resolutions at the party's renewal convention.

They were put forward by the party's youth wing, which argued that the Liberal party, reduced to rubble in last May's election, needs to advance bold ideas if it is to revive.

"I think that there's a certain amount of generational change happening in the party," said Samuel Lavoie, president of the Liberal youth wing, on Sunday.

The marijuana resolution is not binding on the leader or the party. And delegates rejected a proposal to remove the leader's veto over the contents of future election platforms, so there's no guarantee the party will ever actually campaign on the idea of legalizing pot.

Still, with 75 per cent of delegates voting for it, Lavoie predicted: "I think it is really difficult for anyone to just ignore the result and the will of the membership." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Party shakeup

- **Delegates balked** at adopting a U.S.-style primary system to elect future leaders.
- **They did support reforming** the country's electoral system, voting to adopt preferential balloting in federal elections, rather than the current first-past-the-post system.

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▶ Britain's Queen Elizabeth II talks with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper during Canada Day celebrations on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on July 1, 2010.

SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Mike Crawley

Federal Liberals pick new party president

Federal Liberals selected Mike Crawley as their new party president.

On Sunday, he beat out Sheila Copps, a veteran former cabinet minister who was at one time considered the favourite to win but whom some Liberals felt symbolized the past. Crawley won the highly sought after position by a slim 26 votes.

Before he was elected as the new party president, Crawley was the head of the Liberal party's Ontario wing.

Some 3,000 federal Liberals from across Canada attended the biennial three-day convention in Ottawa to debate, among many other things, executive leaders, party resolutions and new proposals aimed at ensuring the long-term survival of the party.

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PVT. DANNY CHEN'S SUICIDE

Hearing begins in abuse case

▶ Pvt. Danny Chen

A U.S. soldier charged with abuse that led to the suicide of a 19-year-old fellow soldier in Afghanistan faced a preliminary hearing on Sunday at Kandahar Air Field, the U.S. military said.

Spc. Ryan J. Offutt, 32, is charged with maltreatment, assault, involuntary manslaughter and negligent homicide in the death of Pvt. Danny Chen. Offutt is one of eight infantrymen charged in connection with the suicide.

Chen shot himself in a guardhouse on Oct. 3 in Afghanistan after what investigators say were weeks of racial slurs, humiliation and physical abuse.

Sunday's hearing was to determine whether Offutt should face court-martial.

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Romney, Huntsman get tongue-lashing for foreign-language skill

Both Mitt Romney and Jon Huntsman are getting heat from staunch Republicans, but not for their views on health care or tax reform: Romney is under fire for knowing French and Huntsman is viewed with suspicion because he speaks Mandarin.

Both candidates are Mormons, and learned the languages as young men while on religious missions to France and China respectively.

In South Carolina, a pair of Newt Gingrich ads — one of them titled The French Connection — attack Romney for his facility with the language.

Romney "will say anything to win, anything, and just like John Kerry, he speaks French, too," the narrator intones menacingly as a jaunty accordion plays in the background. Romney is seen speaking French in the web spot.

Meanwhile, Huntsman's penchant for breaking into Mandarin in debates — even during campaign stops in South Carolina — has raised the hackles of some Republicans.

"You don't speak Mandarin during a Republican debate," said Joe Scarborough, former Republican congressman and now host of MSNBC's Morning Joe.

Said Michael Steele, former head of the Republican National Committee: "I thought he was ordering takeout." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tanker awaits deep freeze to deliver fuel

Nome, Alaska, facing gasoline and diesel shortage ◐ Once ice is stable, fuel to be transferred to village by hose from Russian tanker offshore

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▶ With Alaska's Kigluaik Mountains on the horizon, the Healy breaks ice for the Russian tanker Renda (not shown) near Nome on Jan. 13. Once the broken ice has refrozen, the crew will transfer some 4.5 million litres of diesel and gasoline to shore through a 1.6-kilometre-long hose, taking care not to spill a drop.

A Russian tanker with a cargo of much-needed fuel for Nome was moored less than a half-mile from the Alaska town's iced-in harbour Sunday morning, waiting for disturbed ice to refreeze so that crews can deliver the fuel.

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Healy, which cleared a path through hundreds of kilometres of Bering Sea ice for the tanker, was nearby.

"We were able to successfully navigate that last bit of ice," Coast Guard spokesman Kip Wadlow said. "We were able to get it pretty much right on the money, in the position that the industry representatives wanted to start the fuel-transfer process."

The crew of the 370-foot tanker Renda was working to ensure the safe transfer of the 4.5-million litres of fuel through a segmented hose that will be laid on top of the ice to the harbour, about 610 metres from the ship, Wadlow said on Saturday.

Once the disturbed ice has refrozen, crews must build a pathway over the ice for the hose to rest on. Then the hose segments have to be bolted together and inspected before the fuel can be released.

There has been a lot of anxious waiting since the ship left Russia in mid-December. It picked up diesel in South Korea before travelling to Dutch Harbor, Alaska, where it took on unleaded gasoline. Late Thursday, the vessels stopped offshore and began planning the transfer.

A fall storm prevented Nome from getting a fuel delivery by barge in November. Without the Renda's delivery, Nome's supplies of diesel, gasoline and home heating fuel are expected to run out in March or April.

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Freeze frame

- **Alaska requires that fuel** transfers be initiated only in daylight hours, though they can continue in darkness. Nome has just five hours of daylight at this time of year.
- **Once the fuel hose is laid** down, the crew will walk its entire length every 30 minutes to check for leaks. Each segment of hose has its own spill-containment area, and an extra-absorbent boom is on hand in case of a spill.
- **But Jason Evans, chairman** of Sitnasuak Native Corp., cautioned that delivering the fuel is only half the mission. "The ships need to transition back through 300 miles of ice," he said. "I say we're not done until the ships are safely back at their home ports (in Seattle and Russia)."

Colbert (jokingly) denies tie with Super PAC, anti-Romney ad

Comedian Stephen Colbert says he has launched an exploratory committee into whether to run for president, appearing in character on a U.S. current-affairs show on Sunday to poke fun at the Republican presidential race.

"It is a real exploratory committee ... finding out whether there is a hunger for a Stephen Colbert campaign right now," he told George Stephanopoulos of This Week, adding that those on the committee include a mountain-climber, "someone who is good with explosives" and a "brain in a jar."

He scoffed at the insistence from South Carolina officials that it's too late for his name to appear on the ballot in time for Saturday's state primary.

"They said you can't go to the moon, they said you can't put cheese inside a pizza crust — but NASA did it; they had to because the cheese kept on floating off into space," he said.

For months, Colbert has been taking aim at the U.S. political system, forming a so-called Super PAC, a political action committee supposedly separate from the candidates it's backing.

Super PACs can raise limitless funds from corporations, unions and other groups and were made possible by a controversial U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Colbert handed his Super PAC over to Jon Stewart of The Daily Show late last week. He then insisted he had no ties to the Super PAC, no awareness of its new attack ad comparing Mitt Romney to a serial killer and no relationship to Stewart.

Both Romney and Newt Gingrich have claimed not to have seen attack ads put out by their Super PACs and denied any knowledge of their tactics.

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▶ Stephen Colbert pumps his fist after filing with the Federal Election Commission in Washington last May.

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Russian spacecraft crashes into Pacific

- Space probe designed to travel to Mars' twin moons
- It got stranded in Earth's orbit after Nov. 9 launch
- Efforts by Russians to bring it back to life failed

A Russian space probe designed to boost the nation's pride on a bold mission to a moon of Mars came down in flames Sunday, showering fragments into the South Pacific west of Chile's coast, officials said.

Pieces from the Phobos-Ground, which had become stuck in Earth's orbit, landed in water 1,250 kilometres west of Wellington Island in Chile's south, the Russian military Air and Space Defence Forces said in a statement.

The military space-tracking facilities were monitoring the probe's crash, said spokesman Col. Alexei Zolotukhin.

He said the deserted ocean area is where Russia guides its discarded space cargo ships serving the International Space Station.

RIA Novosti news agency, however, cited Russian ballistic experts who said the fragments fell over a broader patch of Earth's surface, spreading from the Atlantic and including Brazil.

The $170-million craft is one of the heaviest and most toxic pieces of space junk ever to crash to Earth, but space officials and experts said the risks posed by its crash were minimal because the toxic rocket fuel on board and most of the craft's structure would burn up in the atmosphere high above the ground anyway.

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Space junk

- Thousands of pieces of derelict space vehicles orbit Earth, occasionally posing danger to astronauts and satellites in orbit.
- About 100 metric tonnes of space junk fall on Earth every year.
- Russia's space agency Roscosmos predicted that only between 20 to 30 fragments of the Phobos probe with a total weight of 200 kilograms would survive the re-entry and plummet to Earth.

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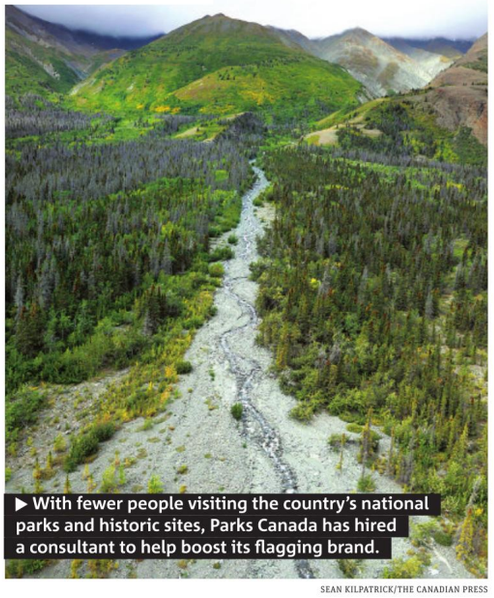

▶ With fewer people visiting the country's national parks and historic sites, Parks Canada has hired a consultant to help boost its flagging brand.

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Parks to revamp image

Toronto marketing firm Veritas is getting paid $395,000 over two years to advise Parks Canada on how it can better promote itself. The agency wants a 10 per cent increase in visits by 2015.

Alleged war criminal in detention

A man accused of helping incite the Rwandan genocide has been released from a Quebec City hospital and put in an immigration detention centre.

Leon Mugesera is facing deportation back to Rwanda where he faces charges related to a 1992 speech that allegedly helped spur the genocide.

A Quebec Superior Court justice ordered a one-week delay on Thursday — the day he was due to be deported.

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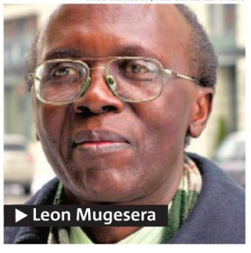

▶ Leon Mugesera

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Stop killing your people: UN head

Presence of observers in Syria has not put a stop to bloodshed UN says 400 people have been killed in past three weeks, on top of 5,000 killed since March

The UN chief demanded Sunday that Syria's president stop killing his own people and said the "old order" of one-man rule and family dynasties is over in the Middle East on a day when activists said 27 people died.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, delivering the keynote address at a conference in Beirut on democracy in the Arab world, said the revolutions of the Arab Spring show people will no longer accept tyranny.

Ban has been highly critical of the Assad government's deadly crackdown on civilian protesters since the killings began — unlike the UN Security Council.

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▶ Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

That body is deeply divided. The U.S. and European nations demand strong condemnation and possible sanctions against Assad, but Russia and China are opposed.

Syria agreed last month to an Arab League plan that calls for a halt to the crackdown, the withdrawal of heavy weaponry from cities and the release of all political prisoners. About 200 Arab League observers are working in Syria to verify whether the government is abiding by its agreement to end the military crackdown on dissent.

The U.S. and many in the Syrian opposition say killings have accelerated.

"The killings still continue and still there are people arrested," said Arab League chief Nabil Elaraby in Bahrain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iraqi. Violence

▶ Iraqi security forces inspect the scene of a car-bomb attack in front of a government compound in Ramadi, 115 kilometres west of Baghdad, on Sunday.

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7 dead after gunfight

Iraqi security forces on Sunday battled gunmen who detonated a car bomb before blasting their way into a government compound, killing seven policemen during a three-hour gunfight, police said.

French report clears rebel Tutsis

Rwandan President Paul Kagame said Sunday he's "not very excited" by a report released by a French commission that found the missile fire that brought down the Rwandan president's plane in 1994 and sparked the country's genocide came from a military camp and not Tutsi rebels.

The findings essentially clear several people close to Kagame, who was the leader of the Tutsi rebels at the time. French judges had filed preliminary charges against Kagame's allies and were investigating the incident because a French air crew was killed in the plane crash.

Kagame said he takes issue with the idea that Rwanda or Africa should be judged by outsiders. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sarkozy urges calm after downgrade

French President Nicolas Sarkozy called for courage, calm and unity to overcome the financial crisis, promising new reforms Sunday without mentioning the loss of France's prized AAA rating in his first public appearance since the downgrade.

The Standard & Poor's decision to lower France's rating to AA+ was a blow to the country's self-image and to Sarkozy's prospects of re-election, coming just three months before the first round of voting.

It could also have far-reaching effects for Europe, potentially raising the borrowing costs for the bailout fund used to rescue struggling members of the eurozone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Nicolas Sarkozy

Recession or not? Canadians say yes

- Recession ended more than two years ago: Economists
- Canadians unconvinced, as disposable incomes decline

Is Canada in a recession? A majority of Canadians think so. But data and economists say otherwise.

The issue arose when pollster Michael Marzolini of Pollara reported to the Economic Club that 70 per cent of Canadians felt the R-word applied today, and a similar number thought the downturn would last at least another year.

This was scoffed at by economists and policy-makers. Except for a brief skid in the second quarter of 2011, the economy has been growing steadily since 2009, they say. The technical definition of recession is when real, inflation-adjusted gross domestic product falls in back-to-back quarters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Protesters decry designer

Hundreds rallied outside Dolce & Gabbana store in Hong Kong last week

Occupy Dolce & Gabbana? A Hong Kong outlet of the Italian fashion label has been the target of repeated protests because residents claim the store's staff have discriminated against them.

News reports this month said sales staff were preventing Hong Kong people — but not mainland Chinese or foreigners — from taking photos of the shop windows from outside.

Several dozen people protested on Sunday, taping posters on the glass saying "Apologize or get out," and placing an oversized papier-mache camera in front of the door.

Dolce & Gabbana said in a statement last week that it "has not taken part in any action aiming at offending the Hong Kong public."

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▶ A police officer walks by a mock camera placed by protesters at the front door of a Dolce & Gabbana store in Hong Kong on Sunday.

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LAUGHTER AT WHOSE EXPENSE?

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Why is that man laughing?

Or, more accurately, why are those men laughing?

It's natural to ask whenever you walk by the 14 statues clustered around the little park at the corner of Davie and Denman, overlooking English Bay.

A-Maze-ing-Laughter is always striking — and more than a little unsettling.

The work by Beijing's Yue Minjin features 14 giant statues, all likenesses of the artist, laughing his head off, showing off an alarming array of great big teeth. All the better to eat you with.

The only problem? It's not clear what he's laughing at.

Is he laughing with us? Or at us?

Is he laughing because life is joyful or because life is a joke? Or both?

Is he laughing because the suckers who run the art project called Vancouver Bienniale have elevated him to the status of high art when it's obvious to any practical person that he's just a big joke?

"That's the whole point of A-Maze-ing Laughter.... You'll never figure out why that man is laughing."

Or is he laughing because the price tag to keep him here is $1.5 million, or that the artist has "reduced" the price from $5 million?

That's the whole point of A-Maze-ing Laughter. It's a laughter maze. Once you enter, there's no exit. You'll never figure out why that man is laughing.

It's mysterious, exhilarating and annoying, all in one.

That's probably why the effort by Vancouver Bienniale to keep the work in Vancouver has been met with mixed reviews.

Some people think it's art pollution.

Some people think the joke's on them, and don't appreciate it. Remember that other sculpture: "Device to Root Out Evil"? It was a church turned upside down with its steeple pointing down to where the devil lurks. Anyway, it offended so many people, we had to ship it off to Calgary, where they look on art as an investment.

Nervous chuckles aside, most people seem to get a big kick out of A-Maze-ing Laughter and clamber all over it like it's a jungle gym for grownups, frolicking on a set of broad bronze shoulders, matching its oversized laughs. In fact, the artist has extended the deadline for Vancouver Bienniale to raise the $1.5 million to August, on the strength of all those playful interactions. A-Maze-ing Laughter is an amazing hit with people who may not know art but know what they like.

It would be a shame to lose such a buzz-maker and return the park to its unnatural state as a palm tree grove (if you think that's natural, just ask the shivering palm trees).

But you never know when we might need that $1.5 million for something really important, like 400th of the roof on the stadium.

And you wonder why that man is laughing?

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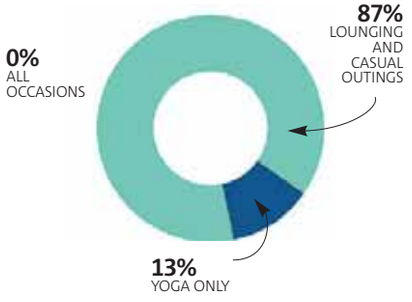

Local tweets

- **@graham-clark:** I ton, you ton, we all ton for croutons!
- **@Ryan_Kesler:** Forgot to mention this but I beat burrows again for the second year in a row to win the Fantasy Football title.. hahahaha
- **@VanCanucks:** After missing the last 18 games with a knee injury, Booth returns to the line-up tonight. How does he feel?
- **@NHL:** Did You Know? Vancouver's win and the Rangers loss moves the #Canucks into first overall in the league.
- **@jlchung:** Cool art installation! Vancouver Codes by Douglas Coupland is launching on Canada Line video screens Jan. 16 - 31, 2012
- **@RaoulBonilla:** Feels great to be back home in Vancouver! Plus it's so sunny today! :-)
- **@jackiebaciles:** Wow! Actual snow here! #Vancouver
- **@BWaldoVANCITY:** so im guessin this might be all the powder that we see in vancouver this winter?...wait i take dat back prolly anotha 5 cm #snowwhite

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Sculptures of ice from river water

HARBIN, CHINA. Ice sculptors from nine countries competed in the 26th International Ice Sculpture Contest in China's northeastern city of Harbin. The event is part of an annual ice and snow festival, which sees its streets filled with pagodas made entirely of ice. METRO WORLD NEWS

3 It takes three days to sculpt a block of ice weighing over two tonnes, which is cut from the frozen surface of the nearby Songhua River. Locals say the ice is notably translucent, as it freezes slowly each winter while the river continues to flow beneath and polish it.

"(In ice sculpture) you see the light, how it reflects. It's more playing with light.... I make all these ideas, which are not possible to make in any other material." KARLIS ILE, 37, LATVIAN-BORN ARTIST

Humble origins

- The first festival in 1963 may have originated from tradition of ice lantern-making by local fishermen.

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Is Plummer on the Oscar track?

Plummer, 82, gets his Golden Globe for supporting actor. Will he finally win an Oscar?
Clooney, Streep and Williams also take home gold

Canadian-born stage and screen legend Christopher Plummer won the supporting-actor Golden Globe for his role as an elderly widower who comes out as gay in the father-son drama Beginners.

Claiming the first prize of the night at Sunday's Globes may give 82-year-old Plummer the inside track for the same prize at next month's Academy Awards.

"I must praise my distinguished competitors, whom I have the greatest admiration and to whom I apologize most profusely," said Plummer, who added warm regards to Beginners star Scottish actor Ewan McGregor.

"I want to salute my partner, Ewan, that wily Scot, 'Ewan My Heart's in the Highlands' McGregor, that scene-stealing swine from the outer Hebrides."

Oscar consideration has been elusive for Plummer, who has been nominated for Hollywood's top honour only once in his 60-year career — two years ago, for the Leo Tolstoy drama The Last Station.

Ricky Gervais, who has ruffled feathers at past shows with sharp wisecracks aimed at Hollywood's elite and the Globes show itself, returned as host for the third-straight year.

He needled early winners, saying the show was running long and stars needed to keep their speeches short.

"You don't need to thank everyone you've ever met or members of your family, who have done nothing," Gervais said. "Just the main two. Your agent and God."

On the musical/comedy side, Michelle Williams won best actress for portraying Marilyn Monroe in what presenter and pal Seth Rogen jokingly called "the hilarious comedy My Week with Marilyn."

On the TV side, HBO's Enlightenment, which has struggled to gain viewers, got a boost from star Laura Dern's win for best actress in a comedy series, beating out popular favourites Tina Fey and Zooey Deschanel. PBS's runaway hit British import, Downton Abbey took home best miniseries or TV movie, while Kelsey Grammer surprised awards watchers by earning top drama series acting honours for the Starz political series Boss ahead of Bryan Cranston (Breaking Bad) and Steve Buscemi (Boardwalk Empire).

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▶ Michelle Williams wows in Wu.

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▶ Best looking couple? The Pitt-Jolies.

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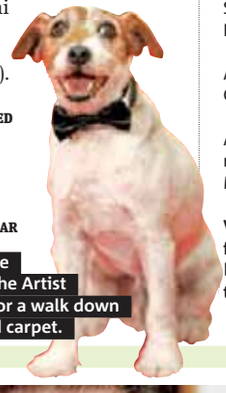
▶ Emma Stone needs no "Help."



▶ Uggie from The Artist went for a walk down the red carpet.

Winners

Here are the big winners:

Motion pictures:
Supporting actor — Christopher Plummer, Beginners

Actress, musical/comedy — Michelle Williams, My Week with Marilyn

Actress, drama — Meryl Streep, Iron Lady

Actor, drama — George Clooney, The Descendants

Movie, drama — The Descendants

Television:
Series, drama — Homeland, Showtime

Actor, drama — Kelsey Grammer, Boss

Actress, miniseries or movie — Kate Winslet, Mildred Pierce

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Ricky's golden glib award

Perhaps the biggest question for most Golden Globe viewers this year was exactly how far Ricky Gervais would go with his second opportunity as host after last year's eyebrow-raising skewering of Hollywood's biggest names. The answer, as it turns out, was not too far at all, as Gervais went easy on his audience, poking fun at himself, the Hollywood Foreign Press and host network NBC, which he referred to as a "non-profit organization."

His first victim of the night? Kim Kardashian. "The Golden Globes are to the Oscars what Kim Kardashian is to Kate Middleton ... a bit louder, a bit trashier, a bit drunker and more easily bought, allegedly." METRO

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"The HFPA have warned me that if I insult any of you ... or cause any controversy, they'll invite me back next year"
RICKY GERVAIS, REFERENCING THE IRE HE EARNED AS HOST OF LAST YEAR'S GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS

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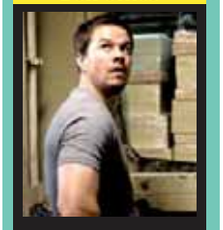
Box office



Contraband managed to steal the top slot at the weekend box office away from competitors. The Universal action film starring Mark Wahlberg debuted at No. 1 with $24 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. Disney's 3D re-release of 1991's Beauty and the Beast waltzed into the No. 2 position with $18.5 million. Joyful Noise, the Warner Bros.' musical comedy starring Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton, opened in the fourth spot with $11.3 million behind Paramount's Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol, which earned $11.5 million in its fifth week, bringing its total haul to $186.7 million.
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Voldemort's 'accessible modern Shakespeare'

Actor steps behind the camera for adaptation in directorial debut

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HANDOUT

▶ A scene from the film Coriolanus, which stars and is directed by Ralph Fiennes.

Lord Voldemort has made his own movie. Or at least his alter-ego Ralph Fiennes has.

After two decades starring in some of Hollywood's most celebrated films, the lauded thespian behind Harry Potter's nemesis has turned out his directorial debut with a contemporary, challenging adaptation of Shakespeare's Coriolanus. Metro caught up with the actor recently to discuss the upcoming drama.

What was your approach in your debut behind the camera?

First of all, I was just motivated by an obsession with this story and the role. Why someone decides this is what they want to do I don't know — I've not analyzed it too closely but I just wanted it to be an accessible modern Shakespeare.

Why did you think Coriolanus would make good modern adaptation?

I think there are so many things in it. (It) exposes a political and social dysfunction and I believe we're living in a time where everything is up for questioning and the systems we thought worked are not working.

And Coriolanus starts with the people protesting. Everything's crumbling.

You've worked with some great directors. Were there tricks from other filmmakers you borrowed from?

The best experiences I've had have been collaborative ones where I feel I've been included and that's a great feeling. Someone like Anthony Minghella (The English Patient) would do that and Neil Jordan (The End of the Affair) to some extent. But I was eager to bring everyone's ideas to the table which is what I learned from someone particularly like Anthony Minghella.

Career

A selected filmography of Ralph Fiennes:

- Schindler's List (1993)
- Quiz Show (1994)
- The English Patient (1996)
- Red Dragon (2002)
- The Constant Gardener (2005)
- Clash of the Titans (2010)
- Harry Potter (2005 – 2011)

Any other Shakespeare plays you'd like to tackle on the big-screen?

Oh yes, loads. I'm afraid I'm slightly a Shakespeare junkie. There are a clutch of Shakespeare roles that I would love to tackle.

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▶ Jorge Garcia and Sarah Jones star in the new J.J. Abrams mystery thriller Alcatraz.

Alcatraz is not Lost 2.0

Lost creator J.J. Abrams reunites with show alum Jorge Garcia for new drama about San Francisco prison

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Jorge Garcia, who played Hurley in the cult drama Lost, is heading back to another island with a different bunch of people in J.J. Abrams' new supernatural thriller Alcatraz.

This shot-in-Vancouver series revolves around more than 300 prisoners and guards who vanished from America's notorious Alcatraz prison in 1963 and start reappearing in the present day, wreaking havoc on the streets of San Francisco.

San Francisco cop Rebecca Madsen (Sarah Jones), Alcatraz expert and comic book enthusiast Dr. Diego "Doc" Soto (Garcia), federal agent Emerson Hauser (Sam Neill) and his sidekick Lucy Banerjee (Parminder Nagra) are forced to join forces to catch and bring to justice the supposed-to-be-dead bad guys.

For Garcia, joining the series was a no-brainer.

"When J.J. calls, with my history with him, I'll make myself available for sure," he says.

"I like what he does and the TV that he makes so I knew what I was going to be in. And then you read the script and it's like, 'Oh, sweet.'"

Jones (Big Love, Sons of Anarchy) says headlining her first series is a little overwhelming, but she says she tries not to put a lot of pressure on herself.

"I just try to treat it like other jobs I've had and do the best I can and hope that people like the character I'm playing as much as they've liked other female heroes that J.J. has brilliantly come up with," she says.

Garcia adds he's slowly getting used to working in Vancouver after shooting Lost in the lush locations of Hawaii. But he admits he's a little bummed his former castaway-mates Daniel Dae Kim and Terry O'Quinn are having fun in the sun, shooting Hawaii Five-0.

"Whenever I watch Five-0 I'm a little bit jealous," Garcia admits.

"But only a little bit. Vancouver has its own green beauty, just like Hawaii. Of course, you have to pay for that with the rain. And it's a little bit colder.

"But I'm having fun. It's a fun show to be a part of. And it's cool living up here."

The series debuts with a two-hour premiere Monday at 8 p.m. ET/PT on Citytv and Fox. Alcatraz returns to its regular 9 p.m. ET/PT time-slot on Jan. 23.

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Locklear in the clear after booze and pills overdose

Melrose Place actress all smiles as she was discharged from hospital
Not a suicide attempt: Parents

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Heather Locklear

Heather Locklear is safe at home after being hospitalized late last week for reportedly ingesting a life-threatening mix of booze and prescription pills, according to Us Weekly.

Locklear was reportedly chatty and smiling upon being discharged from Los Robles Hospital in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Locklear's parents "wanted everybody to know that she's doing well, she's fine, she's not in any danger, she's healthy," a hospital spokeswoman says, adding that the actress' episode was not a suicide attempt. METRO

Hollywood is small sometimes

Awards season can make for some awkward run-ins between exes, as Demi Moore reportedly found out when she and Ashton Kutcher ended up at the same pre-Golden Globes private party at L.A.'s Soho House, according to Us Weekly.

"I saw him briefly say hi but that was it. They spent most of the evening keeping a distance."
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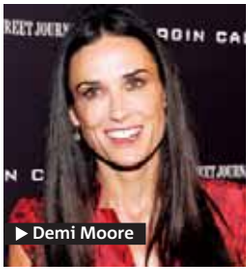
Ashton Kutcher


Demi Moore

"I saw him briefly say hi to her, but that was it. They spent most of the evening keeping a distance."

There were plenty of other A-listers to talk to at the party, of course, including Leonardo DiCaprio, Cameron Diaz and Madonna, with whom Moore reportedly spent most of the evening chatting. METRO

It's really over: Sinéad

After a brief reconciliation, Sinéad O'Connor again split with husband Barry Herridge, she confirms on her blog. The couple separated after 16 days of marriage before getting back together and then splitting again. In her post, O'Connor blames the media's scrutiny for the breakup. "Slowly, since we were married, I became very ill as a result of what was done to my husband and I was unable to cope and became depressed," she writes. METRO

New beginnings

Angelina breaks down

EVEN SUPERSTARS FREAK OUT. Before Angelina Jolie could embark on her directorial debut with In the Land of Blood and Honey, she had to get over a huge amount of self-doubt, she tells Marie Claire.

"I had a complete emotional breakdown in the shower and Brad [Pitt] found me crying," Jolie says. "I felt this huge responsibility and I felt very small. 'Who am I to take this on?'" METRO

Britney wants a Southern-style wedding

BRING ON THE FRIED CHICKEN. Britney Spears is reportedly already getting to work planning her wedding to fiancé Jason Trawick, according to Hollyscoop, and apparently she's looking for more low-key festivities this time around.

Britney Spears

"She wants a traditional Southern-style wedding with comfort food, surrounded by her family, her two sons and all of her childhood friends," a source says.

Spears has been married twice before, once in a lavish ceremony to Kevin Federline and once before that in a Las Vegas chapel, though that marriage lasted only about 50 hours. METRO

Celebrity tweets

@JonahHill
Fox cancelled Allen Gregory! Yes! Wait, cancelled means permanently on tv forever right?

@oliviawilde
Vegas, day 2. Spent 45 mins lost inside hotel. Beginning to show signs of dementia due to neon overexposure and piped-in nitrous. Send help.

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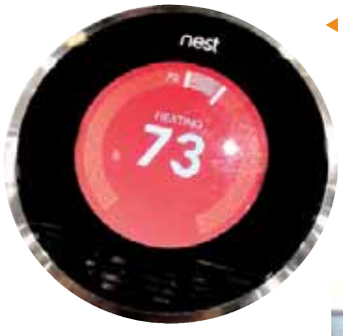
Tech-toy heaven

As the 2012 Consumer Electronics Show gets underway, Mike Yawney, Citytv's technology specialist, has scoured the floor for this year's must-have tech toys Here are a few of his picks



Nest: You have never seen a thermostat quite like this. Designed by Tony Fadell, the man who designed the original iPod, Nest is the world's first learning thermostat. Set the temperature in your home and over the course of a few days Nest will learn your climate preferences and start adjusting the temperature on its own. Since Nest is connected to your WiFi network, you have the ability to control the temperature in your home from just about anywhere using a smartphone or tablet. Nest will also tell you when you're saving energy to help you save money. You're going to need that cash, since the thermostat will set you back $249.

55-inch OLED TV: This isn't the first time OLED TVs have shown up at CES, but this is the first year they have reached such a large size. Last year, the ultra-thin televisions hit the 21-inch mark, this year we're finally starting to see 55-inch panels. The TVs are a mere four-mm thin, weigh roughly 7.5 KGs and are very energy efficient. On top of that, the display produces an incredible picture with some of the best colours you've ever seen. The only real drawback may be the price. A couple of years ago Sony sold an 11-inch model for $2,100 so you can expect these large panels will cost you a pretty penny when they hit Canada later this year.

Samsung Upgradeable TVs: Did you buy a TV for Christmas? The reality is that within a few months it will already be outdated. Samsung wants to make sure you don't have buyers remorse this year by allowing you to continuously upgrade your television. Many of its 2012 models will feature a slot on the rear where a special upgrade module can be inserted. This means modules with new software features, even faster processors can be purchased each year to keep your TV up to date. The updates will cost you, but at least you'll have the latest and greatest features on your TV.

Lytro Light Field Camera: Forget what you know about traditional cameras – the Lytro camera changes everything. After a picture has been taken the camera uses a series of algorithms to let users refocus a picture. Who cares if a picture comes out blurry; you can fix it afterward! Focus, refocus and have fun with your pictures. The Lytro light field camera is already available for pre-order.

3 life

Pill recall

Health Canada says a recall of Excedrin products announced last week in the United States now extends to Canada.

The recall covers all of Excedrin Extra Strength Caplets and Excedrin Tension Headache Caplets with expiration dates of Dec. 20, 2014 or earlier.

The recall was initiated after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration received reports of chipped and broken pills. As well, it had reports of inconsistent bottle packaging clearance practices, which could result in the bottles containing foreign tablets, caplets or capsules.

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Warm up with Indian twist

Sweet potatoes and apples get a tweak in this warming curried soup

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▶ This recipe makes six to eight servings.

This Indian-inspired sweet potato soup adds zing to the taste buds. Using sweet potatoes, apples and onions, kick up the spice level by choosing a medium-strength curry powder.

Preparation:

1. In a large saucepan, melt the butter then cook the garlic, onion and ginger until softened, about 3 minutes. Add the curry powder, cumin, coriander, salt, nutmeg and bay leaf; cook, stirring, for 1 minute.
2. Add the sweet potatoes, apple, coconut milk and broth and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce the heat and cook, covered, for 15 minutes or until the potatoes are tender.
3. Let the soup cool slightly then discard bay leaf. Puree, in small batches, in a blender or food processor. Return to saucepan and thin with additional broth, if necessary. Reheat and serve garnished with coriander and dollop of yogurt, if desired.

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Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely chopped ginger root
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) curry powder (mild or medium)
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each ground cumin, coriander and salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground nutmeg
- 1 bay leaf
- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) sweet potatoes (2 or 3), peeled and cubed
- 1 apple, peeled, cored and chopped
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- 625 ml (2 1/2 cups) chicken broth (approx)
- Chopped fresh coriander
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Avoid any homemade cleaning recipes (including mine) that contain acidic ingredients like lemon juice or white vinegar, or store-bought cleaners that aren't pH-balanced or contain harsh or abrasive chemicals. These will all dull and etch the stone.

Remember, stone is porous, so harsh chemicals like bleach or ammonia can also seep into the surface. Household cleaners aren't required to label ingredients, so you may not realize something contains a strong acid until it's too late!

Of course, you'll know once damage is done. Do you have what looks like a stain on your granite countertops? That's from using an acidic cleaner or not wiping up immediately after a lemon juice spill, which can change the natural patterns and variations of the stone. Always clean granite countertops (or any natural stone finish) with a pH-neutral, non-toxic cleaner. Do it daily, and wipe up spills as soon as they happen. Another recipe worth trying (although not 100 per cent Queen of Green approved because I don't have granite countertops to test it): to a 250 ml spray bottle add 50 ml vodka, three drops of eco-friendly dishwashing soap (or liquid castile soap, or vegetable glycerin), and top up with water. Spray and wipe clean with a cloth.

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She's got a true hunger for life

Through perseverance and planning, Jennifer Broe has turned a kitchen hobby into a successful business venture

TURNING POINT

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There is a tattoo on Jennifer Broe's right wrist that says 'Believe' and Jennifer says it's a reminder to her every day to remain focused on the path toward success.

"I kept hitting so many walls. I wasn't sure I would be able to go forward. I was in my car a lot so it was a constant reminder to keep moving forward."

Jennifer started Baby Gourmet out of her kitchen in Calgary when a new mom's support group kept asking for her homemade organic food for their own babies. She set up shop in a high-end farmer's market and was soon selling $30,000 a month.

"I always trust my intuition and that's what's taken me forward."
JENNIFER BROE

▶ Jennifer Broe, winner of the 2011 Ernst and Young Emerging Entrepreneur Award.

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"We're feeding kids delicious foods that they love to eat and that moms can feel good about. I always trust my intuition and that's what's taken me forward."

Food for thought

Jennifer Broe's steps to success

- **Plan** All great leaders are able to execute but to be successful you need to lay out your strategy.
- **Team** Hire people to fill in your weaknesses. If you're not an accountant or website designer enlist people to help you execute your plan.
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This year, the Canadian Council for Tobacco Control wants to draw attention to the complex relationship Canadians who smoke have with their cigarettes. Most of us have experienced a relationship that we knew was not good for us, but found it difficult to walk away. This is particularly true for the millions of Canadians addicted to cigarettes — their "pal" is slowly killing them.

Tobacco remains the leading preventable cause of disease and death in Canada, killing 37,000 Canadians annually. For every premature death caused by tobacco, there are at least 20 people living with a tobacco-related illness.

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Yet, as a society, we continue to stigmatize people who smoke and to blame them for their addiction (labelling it a "choice" or "habit"), conveniently neglecting the fact that tobacco is highly addictive and that cigarettes are engineered to exploit that fact. Furthermore, most adults who currently smoke started before the age of 17, and many even before the age of 15.

We must do more to help create and invest in environments that support "quitters" and ensures our youth never enter into this devastating and costly relationship.

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THE BEST KIND OF BREAKUP

Taking place from Jan. 15-21, this year's National Non-Smoking Week (NNSW) theme is Breaking Up Is Hard To Do. NNSW's goals include:

- Educating Canadians about the dangers of smoking;
- Preventing those who don't smoke from starting;
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Canucks knocked from top spot

Ducks veteran Jason Blake scores pair of goals Blackhawks take conference lead

DUCKS	CANUCKS
4	2

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Jason Blake celebrates as a shot by Ducks teammate Bobby Ryan gets past Roberto Luongo.

Jason Blake showed he hasn't lost his touch after a severe skate cut by scoring twice Sunday as the suddenly streaking Anaheim Ducks defeated the Vancouver Canucks 4-2.

The goals raised his season total to three in only 10 games after missing 34 contests because of the injury. Blake, who returned to the lineup Jan. 4, also scored in Friday's 5-0 win over the Oilers in Edmonton.

Bobby Ryan and Nick Bonino also scored for the Ducks (15-22-7), who won for the fifth time in six games. Anaheim's only loss in that span was a 1-0 overtime defeat in Calgary.

Cody Hodgson gave Vancouver a 1-1 tie in a first period where the Canucks (28-15-3) were outshot 10-3. Mason Raymond scored on a wraparound late in the game.

After helping set up the opening goal, Blake counted on a second-period breakaway and made it 4-1 on a third-period power-play deflection.

The 38-year-old veteran was accidentally cut Oct. 14 by Brent Burns' skate and suffered left forearm tendon damage in a game against the San Jose Sharks.

Anaheim remains well out of a playoff spot but moved into 13th in the Western Conference, a point ahead of Edmonton.

The Ducks have eight wins and three regulation ties in 20 games under new coach Bruce Boudreau who replaced the fired Randy Carlyle.

The Canucks missed a chance to regain the NHL's overall lead.

They have 59 points, one behind the New York Rangers and Western Conference-leading Chicago after their first loss since taking six of a possible eight points on a road trip.

The Ducks, who are playing their best hockey of the season, took an early lead on Bonino's third goal since being called up from AHL Syracuse a month ago.

Roberto Luongo got a glove on a close-in Blake shot but couldn't control the rebound as Ducks swarmed the Canucks goalie.

Luongo made a pad save on Bonino's first backhand but was beaten on a second try as the Ducks were outshooting Vancouver 7-1.

Hodgson tied the game four minutes later as the Canucks' league-leading power play got its second shot of a sluggish opening period for Vancouver.

The rookie's quick release from the faceoff circle went over the glove of netminder Jonas Hiller and under the crossbar for his 11th goal of the season and fourth in seven games.

Ryan gave the Ducks a 2-1 second-period lead five seconds after a penalty to Canucks defenceman Kevin Bieksa had expired. He buried Saku Koivu's centring pass for his seventh goal in 10 games.

Blake doubled the lead on a breakaway when Canucks defenceman Aaron Rome couldn't handle David Booth's hard pass at the Anaheim blue-line.

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Ravens defend their way to AFC title game

RAVENS	TEXANS
20	13

If style points and offensive fireworks meant anything, the Baltimore Ravens wouldn't stand a chance of making it to the AFC championship.

Playing defence and protecting the football are what they do best, and that formula led to a 20-13 victory over the Houston Texans on Sunday, putting Baltimore in the AFC title game against the New England Patriots.

"I always say there is a right way to do things, there is a wrong way to do things and there is just the Ravens' way of doing things," linebacker Terrell Suggs said. "It wasn't pretty but we're not really a pretty team. We got the W and now it's on to the AFC championship."

The Ravens (13-4) had almost as many punts (nine) as first downs (11) and scored only three points over the final 46 minutes. But Baltimore wasn't penalized, didn't commit a turnover, intercepted rookie QB T.J. Yates three times and totalled four takeaways — two in the first quarter and two over the final eight minutes.

"If we didn't get any of those turnovers it would probably be a different game," Ravens defensive tackle Haloti Ngata said.

Baltimore visits New England next Sunday, with the winner advancing to the Super Bowl in Indianapolis on Feb. 5.

The Patriots lead the series 6-1, but Baltimore's lone win came in the postseason.

"We don't play the game until next week," Suggs said. "I'm going to enjoy tonight."

Veteran defensive stars Ed Reed and Ray Lewis led a unit that yielded only one touchdown and came up with the big play when one was needed. Lewis had a team-high seven tackles and Reed sealed the victory with the Ravens' fourth takeaway, an interception near the goal line in the closing minutes.

"It's winning by any means necessary," Reed said. "That's what it's got to be." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Familiar spot for New England

Brady guides productive Patriots offence into sixth AFC title game in 11 years ◐ QB had 5,235 yards this season

Next up to try and stop the seemingly unstoppable Tom Brady and the New England Patriots offence: the Baltimore Ravens.

Good luck.

How do you cover powerful Rob Gronkowski and versatile Aaron Hernandez and still have a defender left to deal with Wes Welker, the NFL's leading receiver?

Can you generate enough of a pass rush to foil Brady's quick release? If you don't, the master of analyzing defences and firing precise passes can stand comfortably in the pocket, calmly searching for his best option and the quickest route to the end zone.

And don't forget the ground game while you're focused on all those aerial stars.

Get ready, Ray Lewis and Terrell Suggs. Your dominant defence is about to get its toughest test.

Baltimore's reward for beating the Houston Texans 20-13 on Sunday is a date with the prolific Patriots, who got there with a 45-10 win Saturday night over the Denver Broncos that turned Tebowmania into a passing phenomenon while its central character, Tim Tebow, kept passing poorly.

The Ravens play at Foxborough on Sunday with a defence much better than the one the overwhelmed Broncos displayed. Baltimore's unit is the third-stingiest in the NFL, but it has never seen anything like this.

Not with Brady at the top of his game after his decade of greatness.

"The team revolves around him," Hernandez said. "When he comes to play, which he mostly does every game, then we're going to be on fire, and when he's ready, we're all ready."

Brady's performance rivals — and surpasses in some ways — his 2007 MVP season when he set an NFL record with 50 touchdown passes and established a team mark of 4,806 yards passing. This season, he beat that by more than 400 with 5,235, second-most in NFL history to Drew Brees' 5,476.

The Patriots went 18-0 in 2007, then lost the Super Bowl 17-14 to the New York Giants on a last-minute touchdown. Now they're 14-3.

One more win gets them to the championship game thanks to Brady's six scoring passes against Denver, tying the NFL record held by Daryle Lamonica and Steve Young. By halftime, Brady already had thrown for five touchdowns while Tebow had just three completions.

The victory helped ease the lingering pain of three straight playoffs losses — 33-14 to Baltimore and 28-21 to the New York Jets after the Super Bowl disappointment.

"You lose a few playoff games and it's a very bitter way to end the season and it sits on your mind for quite a long time," Brady said. "For us to come out and play the way we did, have a very solid performance in the most important game of the year, is very gratifying.

"From this point on, everyone will be focused on what we need to do to be better next week and, hopefully, come out and play for another championship."

Brady has been brilliant all season, starting with a total of 940 yards passing and seven touchdown throws in his first two games. And in his last nine — all wins — he's thrown for 25 scores and just three interceptions.

"We never look at the individual. We all try and do our job," defensive tackle Vince Wilfork said. "If (Brady) plays well, everyone else plays well.

"When he has an off day, we try to rally around him as a team to help Tom and the offence. We aren't going to get 20-30 points all the time."

Of course not. There was that one game, back Oct. 30, when they scored only 17 points.

Brady's six scoring passes Saturday matched his career high. He completed 26-of-34 passes for 363 yards, a team record for a post-season game. He wasn't sacked, hardly even pressured, all game.

"That's Tom, week in and week out," running back BenJarvus Green-Ellis said, "so I don't think anyone else in this locker-room or in this country would expect anything else from him."

It wasn't always that promising.

The Patriots were just 5-3 and had lost two consecutive games for just the third time in nine seasons. Their defence, last in the league at the time, was getting pushed around.

It was time for Brady's bunch to turn things around.

They beat the Jets in New York 37-16 to start the nine-game winning streak. In three of the last four games, they've scored more than 41 points. The only other time that happened since Brady arrived in 2000 was in 2007 when they did it in three consecutive games and four of five.

That team had Randy Moss, the deep threat who caught an NFL-record 23 touchdowns.

This one has Gronkowski and Hernandez, the short, middle and deep targets who combined for 24 in the regular season and, in just one playoff game, another four.

"These two are changing the game," guard Brian Waters said. "If you decide to take away one, that opens things up for the other.

"You add the fact that we have receiving threats and some good guys at the running back position. It limits the things you can do defensively as far as trying to take one person out of the game. That's something that we are able to take advantage of."

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▶ Next up for Tom Brady and his Patriots, an AFC championship showdown with the Ravens.

Giant upset at Lambeau Field

Manning throws three TDs, Giants stun Packers 37-20 in NFC divisional playoff game in Green Bay

GIANTS	PACKERS
37	20

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▶ Giants QB Eli Manning drops back to pass against the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

For Eli Manning and the New York Giants, Lambeau Field has become a familiar launching pad. After beating the Green Bay Packers at home for the second time in four years, they only hope this trip ends the same way — at the Super Bowl.

Manning threw three touchdown passes and the Giants shocked the Packers 37-20 in an NFC divisional playoff game Sunday. Manning threw for 330 yards, sending the Giants to San Francisco for the NFC championship game next Sunday night.

The Packers might have been the reigning Super Bowl champs, but the Giants might be the hottest team in the NFL.

"I think we're a dangerous team," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "I like where we are and how we're playing."

The Giants stunned the Packers with a touchdown off a long heave from Manning to Hakeem Nicks just before halftime, then knocked them out with a late touchdown off a turnover. Lambeau Field fell silent as the Giants swarmed the field in celebration, with a handful of New York fans chanting, "Let's go, Giants!"

The win came four years after the Giants beat a Brett Favre-led Packers team in the NFC title game. It wasn't nearly as frigid this time around, and the Packers' vulnerable defence seemed to be waiting to get sliced up.

Manning found six different receivers against a porous Packers defence. But Manning did the most damage with his throws to Nicks, who caught seven passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns.

Nicks' biggest play was a 66-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter. His score at the end of the half came on a 37-yard pass into the end zone with defenders all around.

"It was a big momentum play for them, but we were not deflated as a football team," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said.

The Giants defence also was able to defuse the big-play abilities of Aaron Rodgers and the Packers defence.

Rodgers was 26-of-46 for 264 yards, with two touchdowns and an interception. He also was the Packers' leading rusher with 66 yards on seven carries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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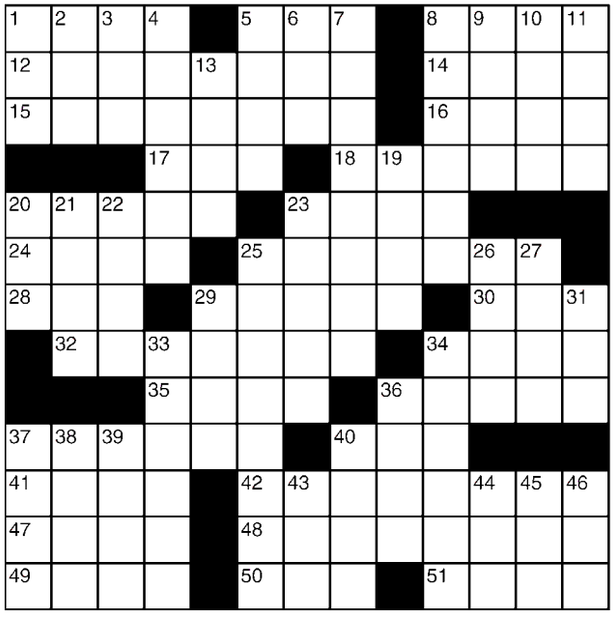

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1 Largest continent
5 Humpty Dumpty
8 Carpet style
12 Like a superintendent's apartment, often
14 Couturier Chanel
15 Food closets
16 Top-notch
17 Years on end
18 Disposition
20 Tine
23 Belch
24 Contained
25 Lingers
28 Hammarskjöld of the U.N.
29 Incites
30 Cistern
32 Weds
34 — E. Coyote
35 Carry a load
36 Mediterranean island
37 Jellied incendiary
40 Listener
41 First person
42 Bakery offerings
47 Zilch
48 North Carolina cape
49 Census data
50 Take to court
51 Navy-related (Abbr.)

Down

1 Dadaist painter
2 Aegean, e.g.
3 Hostel
4 Go to
5 Ireland
6 "Gosh!"
7 Movements
8 Shrimp dish
9 Hula- —
10 Zits
11 No stay-at-home
13 Kermit is one
19 Blunders
20 Third deg.
21 Paper quantity
22 Gymnast Korbut
23 Holder for cream cheese and lox
25 Victories
26 Wicked
27 Sodium chloride
29 Caspian feeder
31 Afternoon gathering
33 Actor Ving
34 President Harding
36 Damon or Dillon
37 "Peter Pan" pooch
38 Work like —
39 Sheet of glass
40 Renaissance family name
43 Junior Olympics org.
44 Savings-plan acronym
45 Water (Fr.)
46 Former fast flier

▶ Friday's answer

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Friday's answer ▶

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5	4	2	7	1	9	3	8	6
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4	8	1	5	7	2	9	6	3
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Everyone you meet seems determined to fight about something. Just ignore them.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
You will be motivated enough to finish something that should have been completed a long time ago.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Family and financial matters will go well if you make sure you stay in control.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
If you make too many loud claims you may attract the attention of someone who calls your bluff.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
The one thing you don't want to do as the week begins is make a target of yourself.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
What happens over the next few days will be the result of the many efforts you have made in recent weeks.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Get a grip on yourself and play to win.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
It may seem as if you can get away with anything, and maybe you can, but the planets warn this phase is unlikely to last more than a few days, so don't get carried away.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
You may be tempted to show the world just how tough you can be but is that really the best way to win friends and influence people?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Don't hang around with the same old faces and go to the same old places. Be more adventurous, Capricorn!

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Make sure you know what you are getting into before committing yourself to a project that may cost a bit of money.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Channel your confidence into something constructive, something that benefits not just yourself.

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